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Dockets Management Branch (HFA-305)
Food and Drug Administration
5630 Fishers Lane, Room 1061
Rockville, MD 20852

Dear Sir,

It has been brought to my attention, that the U.S. Egg Industry has allowed a policy to continue that is harmful to the public. I understand that each year the Egg Industry force molts and intentionally starves for up to 14 days, millions of hens to manipulate egg production. This forced molting is so stressful that it destroys the hens' immune system, predisposing the birds and their eggs to salmonella poison.

THE F.D.A. MUST BAN THE FORCED MOLTING OF LAYING HENS! The F.D.A. was petitioned in April 1998 to ban forced molting. This petition should be granted without further delay and the docket numbers are:

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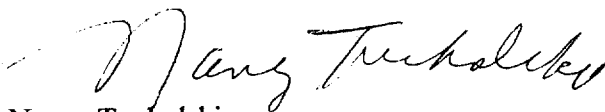
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I do hope that you will stop allowing this practice to happen. Meanwhile, I have stopped buying eggs in the market and buy them directly from some local farmers, who do NOT use this procedure.

Thank you for your time and cooperation.

Sincerely,



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